

HOUSE BILL 3010
By Armstrong

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-402
and Title 68, Chapter 1, relative to black health care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-15-402, is amended by designating the current language as subsection “(a)” and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection “(b)”:

(b) To assist the black health care commission in the performance of duties assigned by § 3-15-404 and to attain the overall goals and objectives of this part, the commission shall facilitate the planning, development and creation of a statewide system of regional black health care coalitions. Such coalitions shall be organized within each of the following six (6) geographical areas: the Chattanooga region, the Knoxville region, Upper East Tennessee, the Nashville region, the Jackson region and the Memphis region. It shall be the duty of each of each regional coalition to:

- (1) coordinate health and economic opportunities within the region;
- (2) review available needs assessments for health and economic profiles for communities located within the region;
- (3) determine the need for any additional survey profiles for the region or for any communities located therein;

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- (4) develop a strategic plan to improve health and economic opportunities within the region;
- (5) design and implement a communication network within the region in order to enhance utilization of available resources;
- (6) review existing resources for health, education and service access in order to develop community-specific materials to improve citizen awareness ;
- (7) provide technical assistance and consultation to community-based organizations and institutions located within the region; and
- (8) provide technical assistance and consultation to the black health care commission and to the Tennessee department of health.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998, the public welfare requiring it.